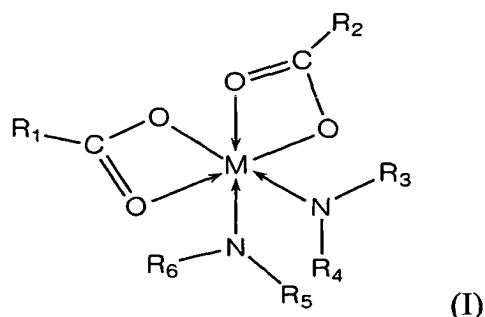


**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS :**

1. A water-scavenging agent for an organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (I) as a primary component:



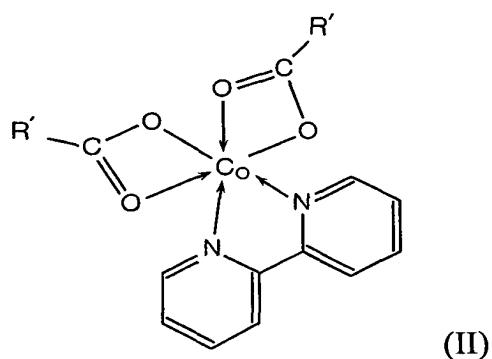
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wherein,

$R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are each independently hydrogen; halogen; alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl or hetero-ring, optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom, and

10  $M$  is a metal having a coordination number of 6.

2. The water-scavenging agent of claim 1 which comprises a compound of formula (II) as a primary component:



15 wherein,  $R'$  has the same meaning as  $R_1$  to  $R_6$  in claim 1.

3. An organic EL device which comprises a glass substrate plate having an organic luminescent part, a sealing case having a cap to be sealed with said glass

plate to enclose said organic luminescent part and a water-scavenging means installed inside said sealing case, the water-scavenging means containing the water-scavenging agent of claim 1 or 2.

- 5    4. The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a layer coated on the inner wall of the sealing case.
5. The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a powder held inside the sealing case.